

DISSIPATION OF DISLODGEABLE RESIDUE
OF CHLORPYRIFOS AND DDVP ON TURF

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ABSTRACT

This study was conducted to evaluate the potential of human exposure to Dichloron^R residues and the necessity of establishing a safe reentry interval after its application on turf grass. Dichloron^R containing 2.6% DDVP and 3.0% chlorpyrifos was applied at 7.96 gallons in 1,290 gallons of water/acre on Kentucky bluegrass lawn at Folsom, CA on October 1, 1984. The highest chlorpyrifos foliar dislodgeable residue detected was 0.14 ug/cm² which is well below the estimated safe value at 0.5 ug/cm². Post-spray irrigation significantly reduced the chlorpyrifos foliar residue. DDVP at 0.10 ug/cm² exceeded the estimated safe level (0.06 ug/cm²) for the first two hours after application. The dissipation rate of DDVP was rapid and not affected by irrigation. Residue level reached non-detectable level (<1 ug/sample) after 24 hours.

Negligible DDVP in air was sampled at 1.9 ± 0.5 ppb ($\bar{x} \pm SE$), (TLV = 0.1 ppm).

Hence, under moist, breezy, cool fall conditions, Dichloron^R dissipated to below estimated safe-levels two hours post-spray on Kentucky bluegrass.

There are 73 insecticide products registered in California for turf anthro-pod and mollusk pests control (Table 1).

Chlorpyrifos and DDVP are two organophosphorus active ingredients used for the control of insect pests in turf. According to the 1983 Pesticide Use Report in California, turf received 165 applications of chlorpyrifos (611.38 lb ai) and 16 applications of DDVP (47.34 lb ai)^{1/}. There is an increasing trend of chlorpyrifos used; DDVP use fluctuates yearly (Figure 1). These moderately toxic chemicals act by inhibiting acetylcholinesterase (Figure 2). Symptoms of acute poisoning include headache, dizziness, weakness, uncoordination, muscle twitching, tremor, nausea, abdominal cramps, diarrhea, and sweating. Incontinence, unconsciousness, and convulsions indicate very severe poisoning^{2/}.

The increased use of more toxic organophosphorus insecticides on lawn and turf in parks and recreational areas posed concerns for possible hazards for humans and animals potentially exposed to toxic levels of residues, albeit most product labels recommended that pests and children be kept off treated turf until the spray has dried. To safeguard against potential hazards, safe levels of dislodgeable residue have been estimated so that safe reentry interval or reentry precautions can be established^{4/}. The estimated safe levels of dislodgeable foliar residue for chlorpyrifos and DDVP are 0.50 ug/cm² and 0.06 ug/cm², respectively^{3/}.

Turf insecticide hazards were brought to our attention due to a recent alleged poisoning case involving children who were playing on a lawn sprayed with an insecticide containing chlorpyrifos and DDVP. There are three unrestricted household lawn insecticides with this combination (Table 2).

This study reports the methodology for investigating dislodgeable residue on turf grass. The maximum recommended rate for Dichloron® (see attached label) was applied on Kentucky bluegrass and dissipation of foliar chlorpyrifos and DDVP residues was monitored. Air samples were also taken to determine concentrations of pesticide in air after application.

Methods and Materials

Turf plots were located at Folsom, Sacramento County, California during October 1984. They consisted of pure, healthy and uniform stands of Kentucky bluegrass grown under full sun.

Correlation of Leaf Weight to Surface Area

Twenty leaf-lamina samples ranging from 2 to 18 grams were cut with scissors and weighed to the nearest centigram. The single surface leaf area was measured with a LI-3100 leaf area meter (LI-COR, Nebraska) to within \pm 0.001 cm² for each sample of known fresh weight. A linear regression of surface area (both sides) to fresh weight was generated from the data.

Dislodgeable Residue Sampling

Six 2' x 8' (16 square feet) plots were selected, marked and sprayed with Dichloron^R at 0700 hours (ambient temperature 13°C; relative humidity 86%; and a slight breeze of 1-2 mph). Immediately after spraying, three plots were watered in with 1/2 inch of water. The chemical was applied at the maximum recommended rate with a 2 gallon Hudson back-pack sprayer under low pressure equipped with a nozzle producing coarse droplets (Table 3).

Leaf samples were taken before, immediately after spraying, and at 2, 6, 10, 24, 48, 72 and 96 hours post-spray. Two random samples per plot, each filling an 8 ounce jar (approximately 8 grams of grass), were taken and immediately stored on ice until delivery to the laboratory for accurate weighing and dislodgeable foliar residue analyses for chlorpyrifos and DDVP.

Air Sampling Procedures

Air samples were collected by drawing air through an XAD-4 sampling tube with a MSA Model 1 Fist-Flo^R personnel air pump. The air pumps ran for 15 minutes at the rate of 1 litre/minute as calibrated with a Kurz^R 540-S flow calibrator. Two samples/treatment were drawn at pre-spray, 0, 1, 2, 6 and 10 hours post-spray.

Residue Analyses for Dislodgeable Residues Extraction

Leaf samples were rotated three times for 30 minutes each at 30 cycles/minute in: i) 50 ml of water with 0.2 ml of 2% Sur-Ten Solution; ii) 50 ml of water with Sur-Ten; and, iii) 50 ml water only. The 150 ml aqueous solution was extracted three times with 50, 25, and 25 ml of ethyl acetate. The solvent was filtered through sodium sulfate and held in freezer prior to cleanup and analysis.

Gas Chromatograph Conditions

G.C.: HP 5880-A

Column: 25 x 0.2 mmid. SE-54 coated fused silica capillary column.
Pressure 15 psi.

Oven Temperature: 170° - 240°C

Injector Temperature: 225°C

Detector Temperature: 250°C

Carrier Gas: 25 ml/min HC

Septum Purge: 2 ml/min

Split Vent: 50 ml/min

Retention Time: DDVP = 2.45 min Chlorpyrifos = 6.58 min

Results and Discussion

The linear regression for Kentucky bluegrass total leaf-surface area to fresh weight was $y = 80.90 x - 13.69$ ($r = 0.99$) and forced regression through the origin was $y = 79.28 x$ ($r = 0.99$) (Figure 3). This correlation gave a quick and accurate method for estimating leaf surface from known fresh weight of sample and enabled us to calibrate the dislodgeable residue (μg) per surface area of leaf (cm^2) without tedious measurement of leaf area each time.

Dichloron^R applied at the maximum rate of 7.96 gallons/acre in 1,290 gallons of water was well below the estimated safe dislodgeable foliar residue level of $0.5 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ for chlorpyrifos. The highest level attained was $0.14 \pm 0.01 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ ($\bar{x} \pm \text{SE}$) immediately after spraying. Dissipation rates up till 48 hours was significantly greater in the irrigated plot versus the non-irrigated plot. Chlorpyrifos dissipated rapidly to 0.009 and $0.013 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$, respectively in 96 hours (Figure 4). Irrigating with 1/2 inch of water after spraying significantly reduced the residue level on foliage. The water washed chlorpyrifos into the thatch and soil zone for control of most insects, especially soil grubs and sodweb worm.

Residual chlorpyrifos was formulated with DDVP of high vapor pressure (0.01 mm Hg at 30°C) for its fumigation action. Besides its toxicity, DDVP probably also irritates insects into motion, hence exposing them to better contact action of chlorpyrifos.

Immediately post-application, after the lawn had dried (< 2 hours), the DDVP dislodgeable foliar residue level was at $0.10 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$, which exceeded the estimated safe level of $0.06 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ (Figure 5). This level dropped rapidly below safe-level after two hours and the residue was non-detectable after 24 hours (minimum detectable level 1 $\mu\text{g}/\text{sample}$). There was no significant difference in dissipation of dislodgeable residues between post-spray irrigated and non-irrigated plots. Only DDVP was detected in air samples immediately post-spray at $1.9 \text{ ppb} \pm 0.5$, which is well below TLV of 0.1 ppm.

Under cool, breezy and moist fall conditions in Northern California, Dichloron^R dissipated to below estimated safe levels after two hours in Kentucky bluegrass.

TABLE I

Classification of Active Ingredients
of 73 Registered Insecticides Used on
Turf Grass Anthropod and Mollusk Pests
in California, 1984

<u>Organophosphorus</u>	<u>Carbamates</u>
Acephate	Aldicarb
Chlorpyrifos	Carbaryl
Diazinon	Carbofuran
Disulfoton	Mexacarbate
Dichlorvos	Methiocarb
Dicrotophos	Methomyl
Malathion	<u>Chlorinated hydrocarbons</u>
Oxydemeton-methyl	
Methyl parathion	Dicofol
Mevinphos	Lindane
Monocrotophos	Toxaphene
Parathion	<u>Brominated hydrocarbon fumigant</u>
Phosmet	Methyl bromide
	<u>Inorganics</u> <u>Other</u>
	Cayolite Methylaldehyde

TABLE II
California Registered Turf Insecticides
Containing DDVP

<u>Products</u>	<u>EPA Reg. No.</u>	<u>% DDVP</u>	<u>% Dursban</u>	Maximum Rate <u>#ai/A</u>		<u>Recommended Water gal/A</u>
				<u>DDVP</u>	<u>Dursban</u>	
SMCP Dursban Plus Turf Insecticide (Dettelbach)	6720-203 AA	3	12.2	0.25	1.00	1,300
Professional Orkinban Lawn Insecticide	6754-68 AA	3.1	12.8	0.25	1.00	1,300
National Chemsearch Dichloron	1769-233 ZA	2.6	3.0	1.59	1.83	1,290

TABLE III

Dichloron Used at Recommended Rate
 of 1 Gallon in 160 Gallons of
 Water for 5,470 sq. ft. of
 Lawn

<u>Chemical Components</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Weight Equivalent</u>	<u>Rate ai/A</u>	<u>Formulation</u>	<u>Product/Plot (16 sq. ft.)</u>
Chlorpyrifos	3%	0.23 lb/gal	1.83 lb	7.96 gal/A	11.07 ml
DDVP	2.6%	0.20	1.59 lb		
Related Compounds	0.2%				
Heavy Aromatic Naptha	90.0%				
Water Used				1,290 gal/A	1,793 ml

Figure 1

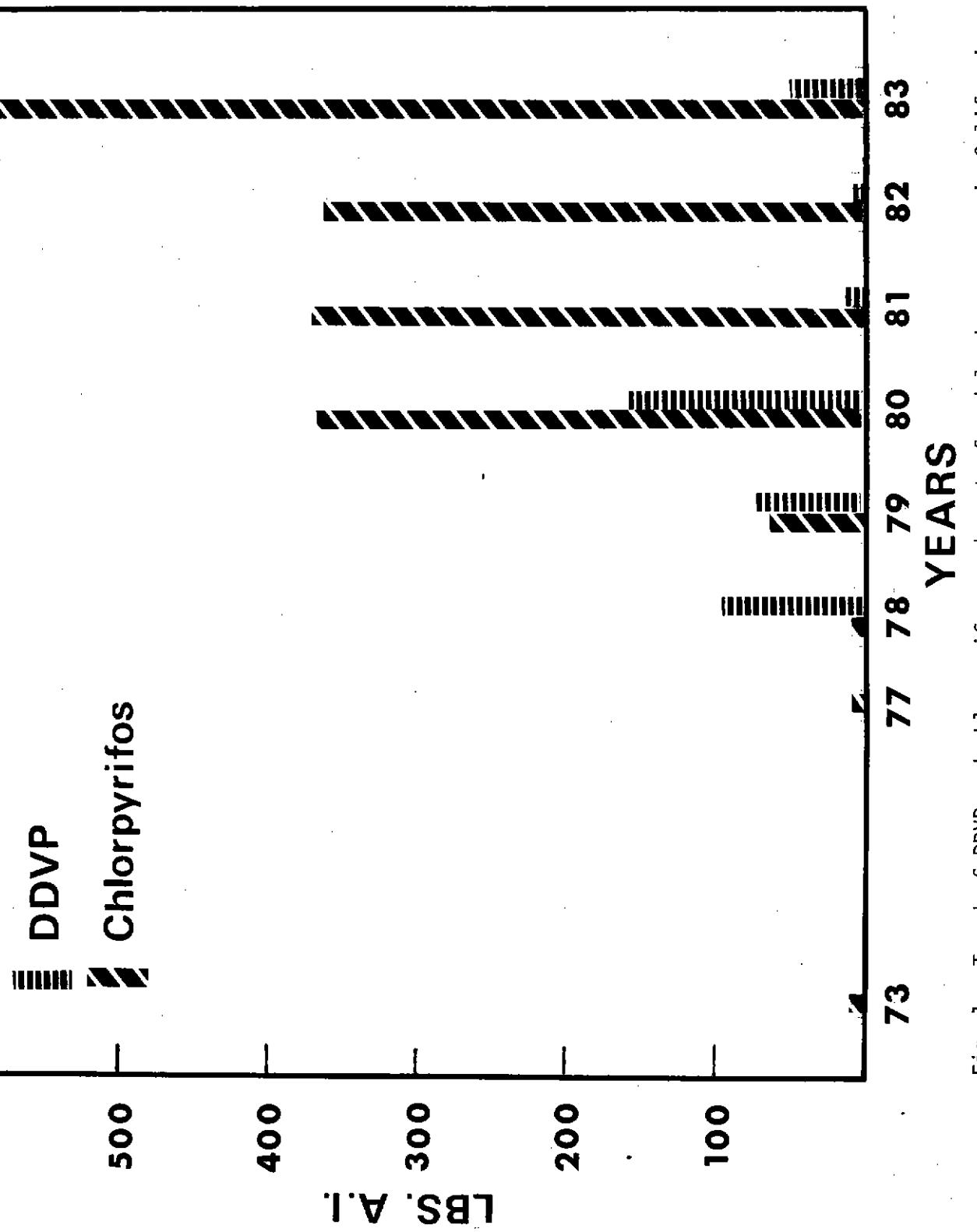


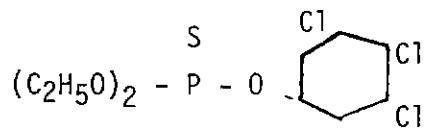
Fig. 1 Trend of DDVP and chlorpyrifos used on turf and landscape area in California.
Data from Pesticide Use Report by Commodity 1973-1983, California Department
of Food and Agriculture.

Figure 2

CHEMICAL STRUCTURES AND TOXICITY DATA
FOR CHLORPYRIFOS AND DDVP
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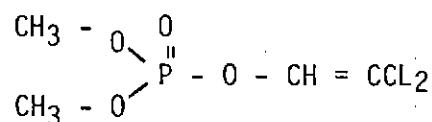
Chlorpyrifos

0,0-Diethyl
0-(3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridinyl)
phosphorothioate, Dursban^R, Lorsban^R



DDVP

2,2-Dichlorovinyl
dimethyl phosphate;
Dichlorvos, Vapona^R



LD₅₀: Oral 82-155 mg/kg
Dermal 202 mg/kg

TLV 0.2 mg/m³

STEL 0.6 mg/m³

Calculated Safe
Level of Residue
on Foliage: 0.5 ug/cm²

56-80 mg/kg
75-107 mg/kg
1 mg/m³

3 mg/m³

0.06 ug/cm²

Figure 3

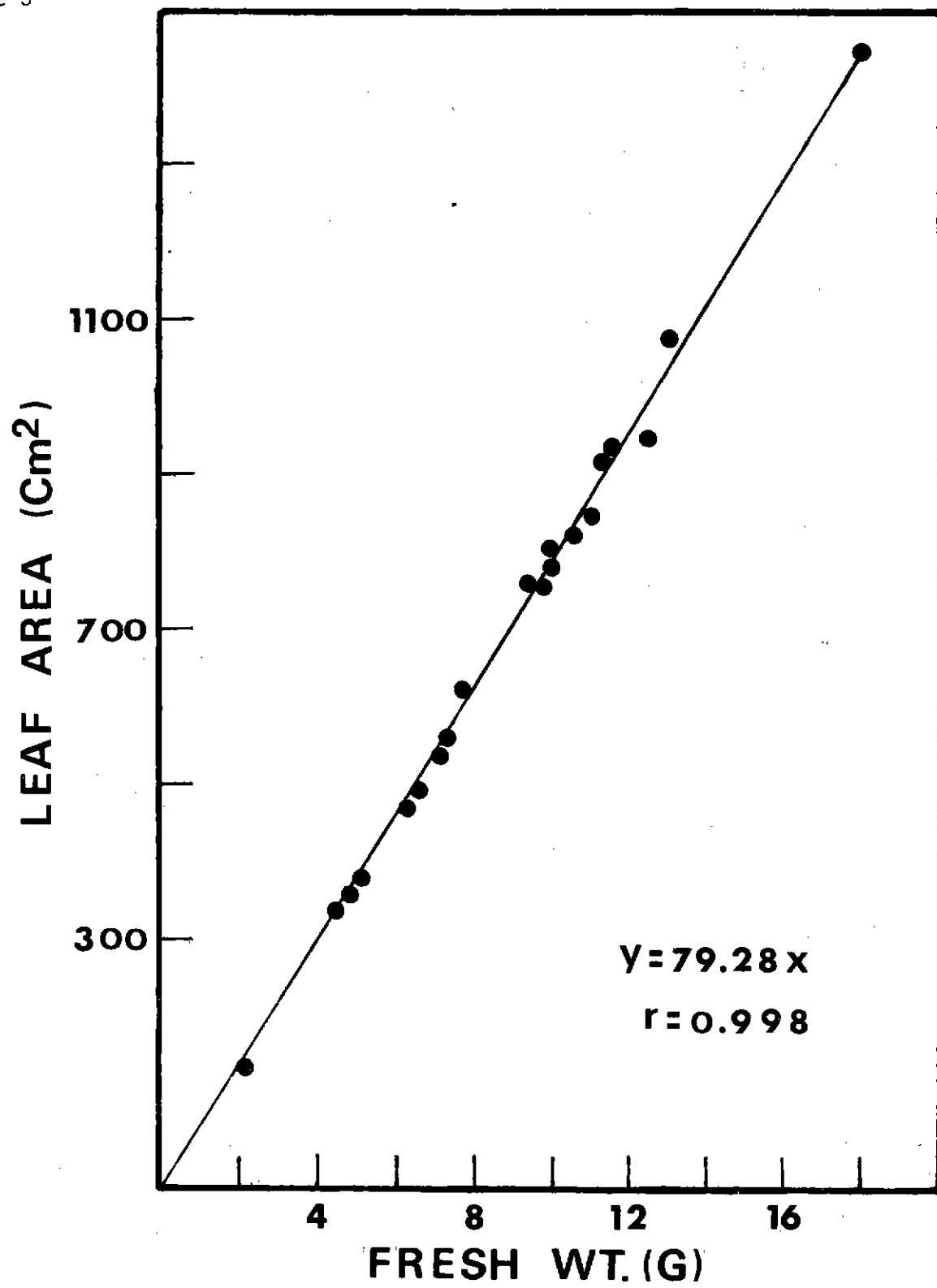


Fig. 3 Regression of Leaf Surface area (both sides) to fresh weight of Kentucky blue grass, Folsom, CA October 1984.

Figure 4

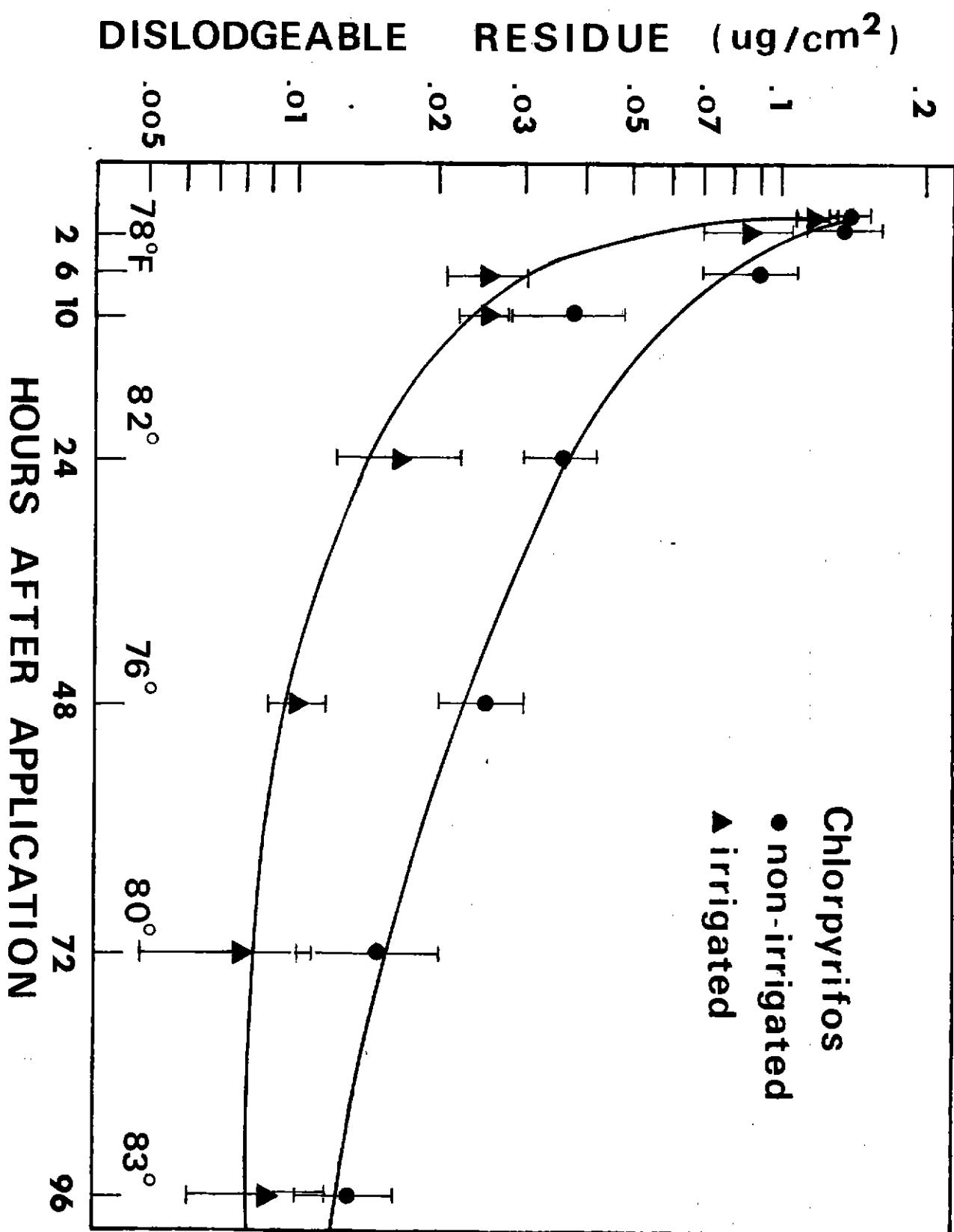


Fig. 4 Dissipation of foliar dislodgeable residue for chlorpyrifos (means + 95% confidence interval) in post-application irrigated and non-irrigated plots. Folsom, CA 1984. Maximum daily temperature shown above x-axis.

Figure 5

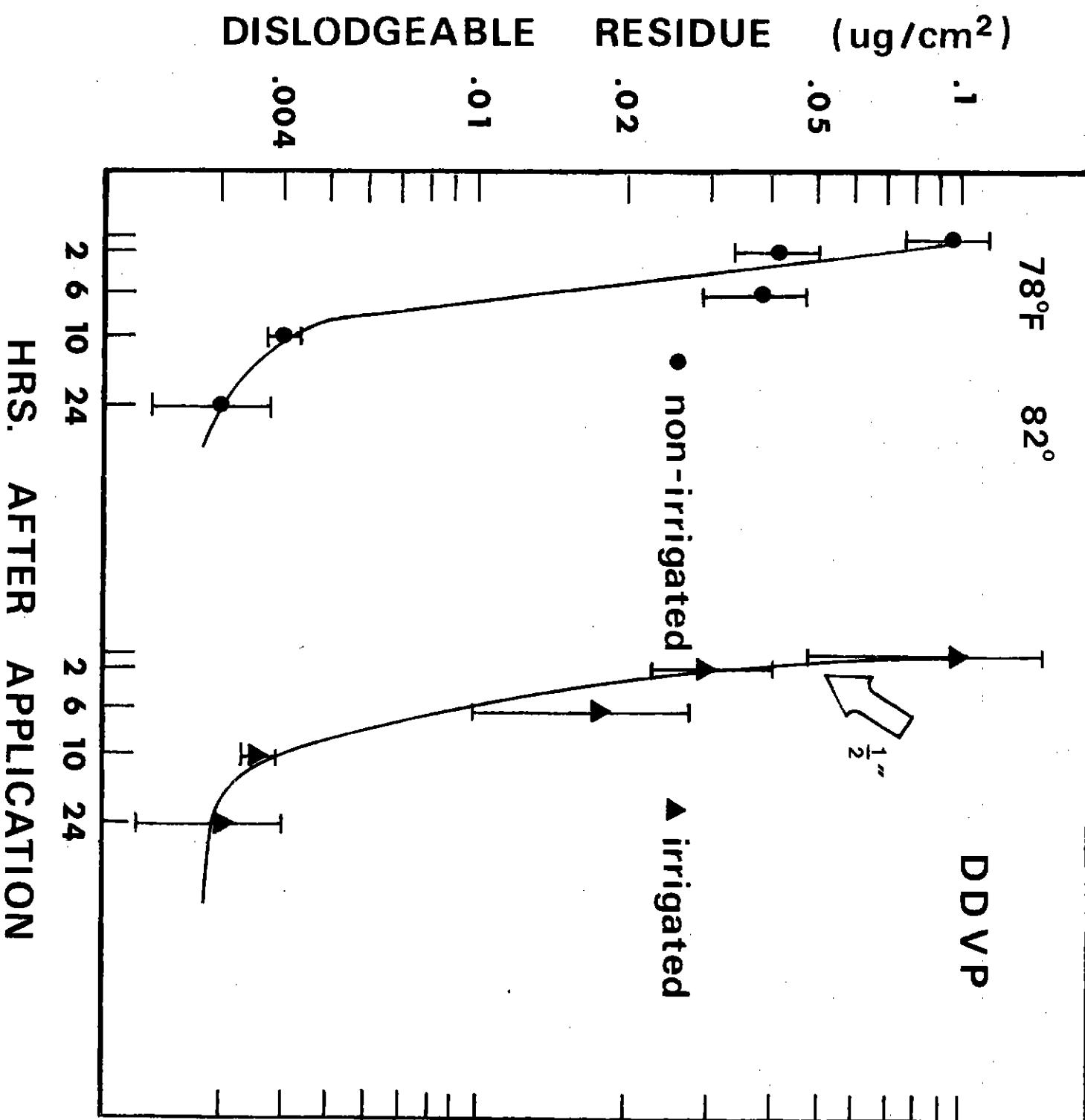


Fig. 5 Dissipation of foliar dislodgeable residue for DDVP (means + 95% confidence interval) in post-application irrigated and non-irrigated plots. Folsom, CA 1984. Horizontal line at $0.06 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ indicates estimated safe re-entry level. Temperatures are daily maximum.

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